

HAMPTON ADMITS HE IS SWINDLER

But Prisoner Denies He Participated in the Murder of J. L. Crowder, the Silvis Banker.

"I WAS NOT HERE," IS HIS PLEA

State's Attorney and Deputy Sheriff Back From Michigan, Where They Secured Alleged Slayer.

Harry Hampton, possessing 40 aliases and a criminal record, told county authorities today on his arrival here to answer a charge of murder that he is a card slicker, a confidence man and a diamond switcher. But as for being a murderer or as for having taken part in the slaying of J. L. Crowder, Silvis banker—"Oh, no," says Hampton.

"Why, I wasn't even in Rock Island county in December, 1912," protested Hampton. "I haven't been around these parts for the last five years. I'm not a murderer or a highwayman. I'm a card slicker, I switch diamonds. You fellows got the wrong man."

State's Attorney Floyd Thompson and Deputy Sheriff Jess Hanna arrived early today from Traverse City, Mich., with Hampton. Hampton was held as a witness in an arson case involving a former mayor of the place and his brother. Hampton is also wanted in Chicago for a safe-blowing job in a bank. The Burns agency turned him up and through its work local authorities got in touch with Hampton.

The prisoner admits he is Harry Hampton. He admits that he possesses 40 aliases in which he is known all over the middle west in police circles, but he emphatically denies he participated in the Crowder murder. He even states that he does not know Clyde Stratton.

Has Bravado Attitude.

Hampton's attitude with relation to his swindling activities is that of bravado. He kept State's Attorney Thompson and Deputy Sheriff Hanna interested during the entire return trip relating to them his career as a confidence man. He gained much mirth from his conversation citing them episodes concerning his swindling activities in the tri-cities; how he put over crooked poker on this person and that in Rock Island, or how he sold a diamond to some individual showing him the real stone at the start and then switching a piece of glass in his palm just before he made the sale.

State's Attorney Thompson is not going to be misled as a result of Hampton's wholesale confession of his confidence games. He believes the stories, but he places no weight whatever in the statement Hampton made that he was not in Rock Island county or the tri-cities when the murder of Crowder occurred.

"You and your wife were stopping at the St. James hotel in Davenport," the state's attorney accused. Hampton denied it.

That there is little chance that Hampton will change his mind, make any confession or consent to offer a plea of guilty, is the opinion of the prosecuting attorney. Hampton has had much experience in criminal cases and a criminal procedure. He is known as a fighter who will take his denial before a judge even after a jury has passed on the case.

Little Chance of Confession.

"There is little chance of getting a confession or a plea of guilty from him as far as I can see now," the state's attorney said. "We will have to build up our evidence accordingly. We have something like 40 witnesses who we will use against him. Each one adds a link to the chain of evidence which we think will be strong enough to send him to the pen. We will use Thomas Jefferson, who is in the penitentiary for a burglary job he committed in Chicago shortly after leaving here, and also Frank Callahan, who is in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth for a postoffice job. Of course, the witnesses might find their minds a little rusty on some of the points, but I think in most cases they will remember enough of the principal details so that the state's case will not be seriously hampered by the lapse of memory four years may bring."

Hampton showed more inclination to talk about the murder of Crowder than did the officials on the trip. He kept a cool head all the while, however, and said nothing which would give the authorities an opening for pressing him further in the hopes of getting a confession.

Hampton's wife died about a year ago. Officials say she was with him when he was stopping at the St. James in Davenport four years ago, at the time the Crowder murder was committed.

To Be Arraigned Soon.

State's Attorney Thompson has given some consideration to the plans for handling the case, but he is not as yet prepared to make a definite announcement concerning them. As he is a director of the Rock Island County Fair association he will be busy at Joslin in assisting in the direction of the fair this week.

It is thought, however, that Hampton will be taken into court as soon as Judge W. T. Church returns to the bench next month, and given an opportunity to enter a plea. It is quite likely that the court will have to appoint an attorney for him, although in the meantime there is a possibility that he may secure the services of counsel.

The state's attorney will begin work immediately on securing the witnesses and preparing the prosecution so that the trial may be looked for at an early date.

MAY'S WONDERFUL REMEDY FOR STOMACH TROUBLE

ONE DOSE WILL CONVINCE

Gall Stones, Cancer and Ulcers of the Stomach and Intestines, Auto-Intoxication, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis and other fatal ailments result from Stomach Trouble. Thousands of Stomach Sufferers owe their complete recovery to May's Wonderful Remedy. Unlike any other for Stomach Ailments. For sale by 20th Century Pharmacy and druggists everywhere.

TWO MEN ADVANCED BY CENTRAL UNION



Thomas S. Brown.



A. J. Everlin.

Thomas S. Brown is now actively in charge as manager of the Rock Island district of the Central Union Telephone company, succeeding A. J. Everlin, who has been promoted to assistant to C. H. Rottger, general manager of the utilities concern. Mr. Brown came here from Kankakee and is a veteran employe of the company, having been in service with the Bell people for 33 years. The Rock Island district embraces Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Whiteside and Lee counties. Mr. Everlin will continue his residence in Rock Island.

WILL DECIDE SUM DUE INJURED MAN

State Industrial Board Hears Case in Which Charles Mattys Asks Damages of Plow Company.

Hearing today was opened by the state industrial board, sitting at the court house, to determine whether or not Charles Mattys is entitled to damages from the Rock Island Plow company, and if so, how much.

Mattys was employed at the plant. He alleges that he fell while at work in January injuring the knuckle of his right hand, and a few days later scratching it on a wire of an apron. He charges that an abscess developed and that he was confined at St. Anthony's hospital for seven weeks.

The plow company claims that the accident occurred in February. Testimony was taken this morning concerning the nature of the accident and this afternoon medical testimony was offered concerning the wound. P. J. Meersman is counsel for the plaintiff and Stafford, Schoede & Stafford represent the company. The board hearing the case is composed of J. May, R. C. Coburn and E. C. Klow.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY NOTRE DAME CLUB

The semi-annual meeting of the Tri-City Notre Dame club was held last evening at the Watch Tower inn. Organization was perfected. Following the dinner talks were made by James P. Murphy and Professor Edward J. Morris of Rock Island and M. J. McEniry and P. J. Meersman of Moline. The following officers were named: President—M. J. McEniry, Moline. Vice President—Joseph McGinnis, Rock Island. Secretary—Francis Ralston, Rock Island. Treasurer—J. H. Kerker, Davenport.

REPLACE MAIL BOXES WHEN POLES ARE SET

"Owing to the substitution by the People's Power company of iron for wooden poles on Third avenue, and on Twentieth street between Third and Fourth avenues, it will be necessary," said Postmaster Simpson this morning, "to take down the letter boxes at Sixteenth street and Third avenue, Seventeenth street and Third avenue, and at Fourth street and Twentieth street, until the new poles are set. The public is advised to deposit mail in nearby boxes, meanwhile. "The street boxes will be restored as soon as the new poles are set and painted."

Notice to Contractors.

Bids will be received, 9 a. m., Sept. 9, 1916, for paving, with brick, Twenty-third street from Second to Fourth avenues. WILLIAM McCONOCHIE, Mayor.

WANT MONUMENT FOR BLACK HAWK

Old Settlers Heartily Endorse Plan of Historical Society for Memorial for Famed Indian Chief.

HAVE SITE FOR SUCH STATUE

Location of Old Village is at Intersection of Ninth and Twelfth Streets in Sears.

The plan of the Rock Island Historical society to erect a monument to Chief Black Hawk at Rock river was heartily endorsed by the Old Settlers' association of Rock Island county at the annual reunion held yesterday afternoon at the Watch Tower. The plan of the historical society is to place the monument at the intersection of Ninth and Twelfth streets, in the old town of Sears. There is an available site for such a monument in front of Pate's store. Although the historical society has taken no definite steps toward raising a fund for this purpose it is probable that it will do so in the near future.

One idea—that of erecting combination drinking fountain, watering place and monument—has already been advanced. There has also been some talk of moving the statue of Black Hawk, now in Spencer square, to Sears. The city council would have to concur in this action and to some it does not appear as a feasible scheme, as strenuous objections may be raised. The statue of Black Hawk now in Spencer square cost in the neighborhood of \$1,500 to erect.

It was also pointed out by some of the old settlers yesterday that there is no marking to show the exact location of the original watch tower. Manager George Stephenson has many inquiries to that effect. The original watch tower was a giant cottonwood tree, now destroyed, which stood about thirty feet, just to the east of the point of the bluff at the tower. Chief Black Hawk climbed this tree to survey the surrounding country. There is no marking of any kind at this historical spot.

Black Hawk's village was located to the west of the tower hill and a monument at the intersection of Twelfth and Ninth streets would show the exact location of his home.

Woman of 94 Talks.

The speaking program in connection with the old settlers' reunion yesterday afternoon was not without its features. Mrs. E. M. Arundel of Hampton, who is 94 and the oldest of the old settlers to attend the picnic, spoke for a few minutes.

An interesting talk was also given by Mrs. Blanche Bowman Little of Chicago. Her father, Dr. Bowman, was one of the earliest settlers in the county and he lived just east of Andalusia, and was Indian agent for a time here. Mrs. Little delighted her hearers with stories of survivors of the old Sauk tribe, who are now on the reservation in Oklahoma. Many of them remembered this historical spot. Short talks were also made by J. L. Brasher, Chicago; J. E. Kelly, president of the Pioneers' society of Scott county, and J. F. Murphy of Coal Valley. Another visitor at the meeting was B. B. Seville, old settler of this county, who came from his home in Emancipation, Wash.

ANOTHER PARALYSIS CASE IS FOUND HERE

Dr. C. T. Foster, city health physician, today reported another case of infantile paralysis had been found in Rock Island. The latest victim is William Latnie (colored), four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Latnie, 814 Fourteenth street. The case, which is a very pronounced one, was discovered by Dr. Foster last night, and precautions were taken immediately and the home placed under quarantine. The Latnie lad will no doubt suffer permanently from the effects of the disease. This makes the third case of infantile paralysis in Rock Island. One child died and the other will be released from quarantine in a few days, having recovered.

BADLY MIXED FIGHT SETTLED IN COURT

The case of Ross Putman, jitney bus operator, against Harry Olson, Rock Island blacksmith, was heard by Police Magistrate Smith today. Olson was fined \$5.

The trouble took place Saturday night. In police court, despite the aid of witnesses, a clear story of the affair, which amounted to a fight could not be gained. Each of the principals when on the stand placed all the blame on the other, their stories of the encounter agreeing in no particular.

After hearing them both through and the testimony of witnesses the judge gave Olson and Putman both a lecture on street conduct and then made the assessment against the defendant. He paid.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

All Aboard for the Special Train to the Rock Island County Fair

Wednesday (tomorrow) Aug. 29. Leaves C. & N. Q. station, Twentieth street and Second avenue, at 9:30 a. m. Arrives Fair Grounds 10:30 a. m. Returning leaves Joslin 5:45 p. m.

Be on hand the first big day. East Moline and Hillsboro bands. Free Spiral Tower Exhibition. Horse Races, Auto Races, Novelty Races.

Greatest display of live stock and farm products ever shown in county. Don't put it off. Go tomorrow.

THREE YEAR OLD DROWNS IN RIVER

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PLAYMATE IS ONLY WITNESS

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Julia with a playmate, whose name could not be ascertained, were playing along the bank of the stream by themselves and the other little girl was the only witness of the tragedy. It was not until she, pale and frightened, went screaming up the street to the home of the drowned child, that her parents learned the terrible fate of their little daughter.

Help was summoned from the police station and police with dragnets and nets were hurried to the scene, but up to a late hour today the body had not been recovered. Because of the swift current at the place where the little girl is supposed to have tumbled it is believed it will be a hard matter to find the body.

Julia's playmate was so overcome with fright that she could not tell a coherent story of it. However, Peter Estawicz, father of the drowned girl, in giving his opinion of the death of his daughter, said he believed the children were playing along the wall when Julia either slipped and fell in or her little playmate stumbled and fell against the latter, knocking her in.

HUBBY FAILS TO REFORM; DIVORCE

East Moline Woman Says He Promised Her Before Marriage But He Broke Faith and Now She Sues.

That she was inveigled into marriage on the belief that her prospective husband had reformed and had ceased the drink habit, later after marriage to discover that he hadn't, is the plea Mrs. May Richeson makes in a suit for divorce which she filed today against William D. Richeson.

The bill at length recites her disappointment upon the discovery that her spouse had not turned over a new leaf. It also goes on to say that after numerous times when he came home intoxicated he made promises that he would refrain from drink, but after four years she discovered that his weakness was too great for him to overcome. The couple married July 16, 1912, and lived together until Aug. 16, 1916, when she left him. The couple lived in East Moline.

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GIGANTIC Clean-Up Sale Thursday, Aug. 31st. You never bought, and you never expect to be able to buy such stunning styles and high grade garments at this great \$5.00 clean-up sale, consisting of

Skirts, Dresses, Coats, Waists and Sweaters

We have our racks full of them. Your unrestricted choice \$5.00. All worth two and three times more money. . . \$5.00

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"It is necessary," he said, "for all teachers to be students of life." He warned teachers to avoid preaching and clock watching. He also said that they should be specially careful in the correction of misconceptions concerning countries, peoples, and industries. He spoke of the necessity of every teacher being a good story teller. He then gave a short talk on the coming importance of the Balkans and the Russians, and devoted his remaining minutes on a review of the skill and knowledge a child should possess on entering school.

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ESCAPED CONVICTS STILL HUNTED FOR

Fort Madison, Iowa, Aug. 29.—No trace had been reported early today of Earl Lindsey and Arnold Zimmer, the two convicts who yesterday escaped from the prison farm near here in an automobile belonging to John Little, a prison camp guard. Lindsey had just repaired the car which bore the number 80,414, and was easily distinguishable by the absence of the celluloid window from the rear curtain. Prison officials expressed the belief that Lindsey and his companion were heading for Des Moines.

COLLEGE MEN MAY NOT GET RELEASE

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 29.—The war department at Washington is considering the question of whether national guardsmen who are college students will be discharged from service so they can return to school this fall. It was announced at Fort Sam Houston today, and it is not certain that a recent order permitting the release of such guardsmen will be enforced.

COLORS FOR PRIMARY BALLOTS ANNOUNCED

County Clerk H. B. Hubbard today announced the colors of the ballots to be used on primary election day, Sept. 13. Republican ballots will be white; democrat, salmon; progressive, green; and socialist, blue.

SEEKS \$5,000 FROM OWNER OF MACHINE

Five thousand dollars is asked by James Maslin of Alex Quist and his wife Ida for injuries which he claims he sustained on Eighteenth street about a year ago when he was run over by the Quist automobile. Praeprine in the suit was filed today. Maslin was riding on a bicycle. He claims the automobile ran him down and caused him severe injuries.

HALF MILLION MORE FOR LOCAL ARSENAL

(Special to The Argus). Washington, Aug. 29.—Additional appropriations aggregating \$500,000 for the Rock Island arsenal are contained in the general deficiency bill reported today. The three items are for lumber storage house, \$75,000; for increased storage facilities, \$250,000; for sodium nitrate storage, \$225,000.

LICENSED TO WED

Robert Brahm Philadelphia
Winona Ostrand East Moline
Oscar De Schinkel Rock Island
Marian Randall Rock Island
John P. Reissacker Rock Island
Henry Trier East Moline
Mrs. Nettie McLean Kewanee
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ASSESSMENT ROLL IS CONFIRMED IN COURT

Assessment roll of one paving project was confirmed and three more were filed in county court today.

Judge Bell confirmed the roll in the project of paving Twenty-third street between Second and Fourth avenues and Second avenue between Twenty-first and Twenty-fourth street. The roll carries assessments totaling \$9,600.

Following assessment rolls were filed, hearing to be held Sept. 15:

Forty-first street, Railroad to Tenth avenue and Railroad avenue from Forty-first to Fortieth streets; estimated cost, \$13,225.

Forty-second street, Railroad to Seventh avenue and Railroad avenue from Forty-second to Forty-third streets; estimated cost, \$5,479.

Forty-fourth street from Railroad to Seventh avenue and Railroad avenue from Forty-third to Forty-fifth street.

LATEST SONG HITS

Now Out On Victor Records

COME IN AND HEAR YOU'RE A DANGEROUS GIRL

Sung by the Avon Comedy Four

PRETTY BABY

Sung by Billy Murray

EVERYBODY'S WHISTLING THEM

You'll Want Them for Your Victrola

Baxter Piano Co.

309 Eighteenth St. The Victrola Store

Notice of Color for Ballots

Announcement is hereby made that the colors for the Primary Ballots to be used by the respective parties at a Primary Election to be held on the 13th day of September, A. D., 1916, in the county of Rock Island and state of Illinois, will be as follows:

Republican Party White
Democratic Party Salmon
Progressive Party Green
For Social Justice Blue
Socialist Party Blue

Dated the 29th day of August, A. D., 1916.
HENRY B. HUBBARD, County Clerk.